

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 12, 2005. Applicants have attached a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136, extending the statutory period until November 12, 2005. Applicants request entry and consideration of the above noted amendments and the following remarks in response to the Office Action.

CLAIM REJECTIONS:

Claims 1-4 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,455,305 (*Galambos*.) As discussed in the interview, the *Galambos* does not teach or suggest a polymer blend having a melt flow of from about 8 dg/min. to about 12 dg/min., as recited in the amended/new claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 1 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,681,897 (*Silvis*.) As discussed in the interview, *Silvis* does not teach, show or suggest the features of the amended/new claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 1, 3 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,792,549 (*Wilkie*.) As discussed in the interview, *Wilkie* does not teach, show or suggest the features of the amended/new claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 1 and 3-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,591,539 (*Matsunaga*.) As discussed in the interview, *Matsunaga* does not teach, show or suggest the features of the amended/new claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

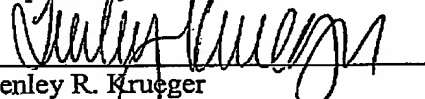
Claims 1 and 3-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,643,494 (*Tanaka*.) As discussed in the interview, *Tanaka* does not teach, show or suggest the features of the amended/new claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 1, 5 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,678,243 (*Su*). As discussed in the interview, *Su* does not teach, show or suggest the features of the amended/new claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 1 and 3-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,803,415 (*Mikielski*). As discussed in the interview, *Mikielski* does not teach, show or suggest the features of the amended/new claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

In conclusion, Applicants submit that the references cited in the Office Action, neither alone nor in combination, teach, show, or suggest the claimed features. Having addressed all issues set out in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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